

Abstract

5 A method for copying a data file from a source device to a
destination device. In response to a copy command from a
requesting host application identifying the source file and the
storage locations in a destination, an extents track is formed
to establish an environment in which the file will be copied.
The calling system receives an immediate response that the copy
operation is complete even though no data has been copied.
Application programs may access the file in either the source
or the destination. A copy program transfers the file on a
10 track-by-track basis to the destination storage locations.
Procedures assure that any data access to a particular track in
either the source or destination by any application prior to
the transfer of that track are accommodated to maintain data
integrity.